

that is designed for the construction and service of large yachts. Completed in less than a year, the building is 140 feet long, 160 feet wide, and stands 55 feet high. What is particularly remarkable is that heat generated on the building's roof from the sun can be absorbed and used as energy for the building—a truly impressive feat in efficiency. While the new “green” building will be Lyman Morse’s largest, it will also be their most energy efficient, proving that conservation does not have to hamper effectiveness.

To construct its new facility, I would like to point out that Lyman Morse took advantage of a tax deduction for energy efficient commercial buildings Congress enacted as part of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 and extended in the Tax Relief and Health Care Act of 2006. Congress should heed the example of Lyman Morse, because by incorporating “green” building practices, we can reduce energy consumption, increase profitability—and create more jobs.

While Lyman Morse Boatbuilding follows in the historic tradition of New England boat building, particularly that of Midcoast Maine, I am so pleased that it has decided to take advantage of modern technology to be environmentally responsible. In fact, Lyman Morse has been a terrific corporate citizen for many years. I want to point out that in January 2006, the State of Maine declared Lyman Morse Boatbuilding a Maine Clean Boatyard and Marina. A program designed to help preserve and improve natural resources while reducing pollution, the Maine Clean Boatyard and Marinas Program is a partnership of industry, state and federal agencies, and environmental organizations dedicated to promoting best management practices in boatyards and marinas. Participants must exceed Federal and State environmental compliance standards to achieve designation. It is their commitment to environmental safety and energy efficiency, combined with their impressive and trustworthy labor, that makes Lyman Morse a truly special Maine business and worthy of this recognition.

I wish Lyman Morse all the best for the grand opening of their building. It is always inspiring to see examples of good stewards of the environment in Maine, a state that has always appreciated the importance of nature in our everyday lives. Their willingness to protect the one environment that we have is a beautiful example to all of us. ●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United

States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 3:30 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 634. An act to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of veterans who became disabled for life while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States.

H.R. 692. An act to amend title 4, United States Code, to authorize the Governor of a State, territory, or possession of the United States to order that the National flag be flown at half-staff in that State, territory, or possession in the event of the death of a member of the Armed Forces from that State, territory, or possession who dies while serving on active duty.

H.R. 916. An act to provide for loan repayment for prosecutors and public defenders.

H.R. 1036. An act to authorize the Administrator of General Services to convey a parcel of real property to the Alaska Railroad Corporation.

H.R. 1505. An act to designate the United States courthouse located at 131 East 4th Street in Davenport, Iowa, as the “James A. Leach Federal Building.”

H.R. 1700. An act to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to enhance the COPS ON THE BEAT grant program, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1773. An act to limit the authority of the Secretary of Transportation to grant authority to motor carriers domiciled in Mexico to operate beyond United States municipalities and commercial zones on the United States-Mexico border.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 79. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby.

H. Con. Res. 123. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the District of Columbia Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 634. An act to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of veterans who became disabled for life while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 692. An act to amend title 4, United States Code, to authorize the Governor of a State, territory, or possession of the United States to order that the National flag be flown at half-staff in that State, territory, or possession in the event of the death of a member of the Armed Forces from that State, territory, or possession who dies while serving on active duty; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 1036. An act to authorize the Administrator of General Services to convey a parcel of real property to the Alaska Railroad Corporation; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 1505. To designate the United States courthouse located at 131 East 4th Street in Davenport, Iowa, as the “James A. Leach Federal Building.”; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 1773. An act to limit the authority of the Secretary of Transportation to grant authority to motor carriers domiciled in Mexico to operate beyond United States municipalities and commercial zones on the United States-Mexico border; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 916. An act to provide for loan repayment for prosecutors and public defenders.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-1904. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “*Aspergillus flavus* NRRL 21882 on Corn; Temporary Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance” (FRL No. 8130-6) received on May 11, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1905. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Chlorantraniliprole; Time-Limited Pesticide Tolerances” (FRL No. 8128-2) received on May 11, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1906. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Acetochlor; Pesticide Tolerance” (FRL No. 8126-2) received on May 11, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1907. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Pendimethalin; Pesticide Tolerance” (FRL No. 8120-2) received on May 11, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1908. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “*Pythium Oligandrum* DV 74; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance” (FRL No. 7713-1) received on May 11, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1909. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department of the Navy pursuing a multi-year procurement for the V-22 Osprey for the fiscal year 2008 through fiscal year 2012 program years; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1910. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to the